

GRANDPARENT VISITATION AMENDMENTS

2017 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: LaVar Christensen

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends provisions concerning the visitation rights of a grandparent.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

► provides grandparents whose child's parental rights have been terminated and whose grandchild has been adopted by a relative may file a petition for visitation rights.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

78A-6-516, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **78A-6-516** is enacted to read:

78A-6-516. Visitation rights of grandparents.

(1) As used in this section, "relative" means an individual related to the grandchild by blood or marriage as:

(a) a sibling;



28 (b) an aunt;

29 (c) an uncle; or

30 (d) a grandparent.

31 (2) The standing and visitation rights of a grandparent under Section [30-5-2](#) continue
32 and are not extinguished when a parent's rights are terminated under this part and when there
33 has been an adoption of the child by a relative.

34 (3) An individual may file a one-time petition under this section for determination of
35 grandparent visitation rights in the same manner and to the same extent as provided in Section
36 [30-5-2](#), subject to the same applicable standards and consideration of a child's and family's best
37 interest.

Legislative Review Note
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